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3.1 Objectives

- 3.1.1 Understand physical evidence handling procedures used in DFS as detailed in the Quality Manual.
- 3.1.2 Understand physical evidence handling procedures pertinent to the toxicology section.
- 3.1.3 Receive and process evidence for medical examiner (ME), driving under the influence (DUI/DUID) and police cases.
- **3.2 Estimated Time:** Eight weeks (as 1/4 days)

3.3 Methods of Instruction

- 3.3.1 Lectures
 - 3.3.1.1 Receiving and processing evidence
 - 3.3.1.2 Evidence security
 - 3.3.1.3 Chain of custody
 - 3.3.1.4 LIMS system manual
- 3.3.2 Literature Review
 - 3.3.2.1 Quality Manual, Division of Forensic Science
 - 3.3.2.2 LIMS system manual
 - 3.3.2.3 Toxicology Technical Procedures Manual
 - 3.3.2.4 Code of Virginia, § 18.2-266
- 3.3.3 Demonstration
 - 3.3.3.1 Evidence receiving and processing will be observed from beginning to end and notes will be taken by the Trainee.
- 3.3.4 Laboratory Exercises
 - 3.3.4.1 The Trainee will receive and process evidence for at least 20 ME samples.
 - 3.3.4.2 The Trainee will receive and process at least 20 samples each of DUI/DUID and/or police cases.

3.4 Evaluation

- 3.4.1 Written Examination
 - 3.4.1.1 This will be administered as a "take home" exam.
- 3.4.2 Courtroom Exercise

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3.4.2.1 The Trainee must be capable of answering questions on this Module such as would be expected in a courtroom scenario.

3.5 Examination Questions

- 3.5.1 List all procedural steps involving evidence from receiving to final disposition for each of the following: DUI/DUID, ME and police cases.
- 3.5.2 Define the following terms: chain of custody, lock box, evidence seal, convenience packaging, RFLE, FS lab #, LIMS.
- 3.5.3 Define a proper seal.
- 3.5.4 Who has access to the main evidence storage room? Toxicology storage refrigerators?
- 3.5.5 Who has access to your work area?
- 3.5.6 What actions are taken to ensure the proper preservation of evidence?
- 3.5.7 Describe the disposition of evidence (ME, DUI, DUID, police) after results have been reported?
- 3.5.8 When is evidence returned to the originating agency?
- 3.5.9 List commonly encountered problems associated with receipt of evidence and subsequent actions taken.

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